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BUOYANT ELECTRICALLY HEATED FLOWLINES FOR PRODUCTION
OF SUBSEA HYDROCARBONS

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4 Commissioner for Patents

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9 Dear Sir:

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11 This is in response to the Office Action mailed on
12 1/17/2006.

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14 Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner under
15 37 CFR 1.136(a) to grant a two-month extension of time for
16 the response to the Office Action mailed 1/17/2006.
17 Accordingly, with the two-month extension, the Response to
18 the Office Action dated 1/17/2006 may be made up until
19 6/17/2006, but because 6/17/2006 is a Saturday, the period
20 for response is up to and including Monday, 6/19/2006.
21 Thank you.

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25 ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS ACCOMPANYING

26 THIS TRANSMITTAL LETTER:

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28 1. Transmittal Form PTO/SB/21

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30 2. Petition for Extension of Time Under
31 37 CFR 1.136(a) FY 2005 Form PTO/SB/22 and a copy

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2 Claims which begins on page 4 of this paper. The Remarks
3 begin on page 9 of this paper.
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